

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEXINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND  
THE CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
RELATING TO TRANSIT SERVICES PROVIDED IN LEXINGTON COUNTY  
AND PAYMENT THEREFOR**

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between Lexington County, South Carolina (the "County"), a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina (the "State") with its principal place of business at 212 S Lake Drive, Lexington, SC 29072 and the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority ("The COMET"), a regional transportation authority, organized under the laws of the State with its principal place of business at 3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, SC 29201.

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2013, the County, City of Columbia, South Carolina; City of Forest Acres, South Carolina; Richland County, South Carolina and The COMET entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement ("IGA") to establish the terms and conditions upon which The COMET would provide transit services within its service area and to further provide for the funding for such services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.02 of the IGA, the County is responsible for paying the cost of transit services within the County and each year the County and The COMET shall agree to transit services to be provided for that fiscal year and the cost thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and The COMET agree to the following regarding the level of transit service in the County for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the payment related to such service.

**Section 1: Transit Services to be Provided**

The purpose of this Agreement is for the County and The COMET to cooperatively provide transit service within the service area outlined below and for The COMET to contract for and administer such service. The service is intended to provide a convenient public transit service within the County and between the County and Newberry and Richland Counties on the following routes:

**Existing Routes as of July 1, 2019**

- Soda Cap Connector 1 – West Columbia/Cayce to Main Street District Columbia
- 83L – St. Andrews Local
- 84 - Bush River Road
- 801 – Broad River
- 91 – Springdale/Cayce
- 96 – West Columbia/Cayce
- 92X – 12th Street Extension Express (Commuter)
- 93X – I-26 Express (Commuter)
- DART – ADA complementary paratransit

**New Routes to be Implemented by September 30, 2019**

- 97 – Batesburg-Leesville/Lexington Local (Deviated Fixed Route)

The County acknowledges that each of the routes listed above operates also in Richland and/or Newberry Counties. The County shall only be responsible for the cost of the route operating within the County as defined in Section 3. DART costs are based on DART trips originating in the County regardless of destination in the DART service area as defined in Section 3. Routes and timetables for each route are shown in Attachment A.

## **Section 2: Intergovernmental Agreement**

This Agreement is based on the terms of the IGA which states in part: "*5.02 Lexington County. Lexington County shall pay the CMRTA the full cost including operations and capital projects of any and all Transit Services provided within Lexington County. Each year, no later than July 1st, Lexington County and the CMRTA shall agree to Transit Services to be provided for that fiscal year and the costs thereof Lexington County shall make quarterly payments no later than the last day of the first month of each quarter.*" This Agreement is intended to be consistent with the terms set forth in the IGA which shall survive this Agreement and is still in full force and effect.

## **Section 3: Funding**

(A) The services shown in Section 1 is to be funded to the maximum extent practicable with Federal Section 5307 (49 U.S.C.) funds as approved by The COMET and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) with 50% of the local match provided by the County. Except as provided in Sections 3(B) and 3(C) hereof, the cost of transit services within the County for FY 2019-2020 shall not exceed \$225,541. That amount shall be allocated to the various entities as shown in the chart below.

<b>Lexington County Split of Funding</b>		
Lexington Medical Center	\$ 10,050	5%
Cayce	\$ 30,150	15%
West Columbia	\$ 30,150	15%
Springdale	\$ 10,050	5%
Lexington County	\$ 127,500	61%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 207,900</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

<b>Soda Cap Connector Funding</b>		
West Columbia	\$ 10,000	100.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

<b>Route 92X Funding</b>		
Lexington County	\$ 21,741	31.61%
Nephron	\$ 21,741	31.61%
Richland County Penny	\$ 21,741	31.61%
Amazon	\$ 3,553	5.17%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 68,776</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

The COMET shall invoice the County four quarterly payments of \$51,975. The County shall remit payment to The COMET no later than the last day of the first month of each quarter. The County shall be responsible for collecting the revenues allocated above from each entity. The County shall advise The COMET within 30 days should the County be unsuccessful in collecting revenues from each entity. The COMET and the County shall jointly provide notice to the entity regarding collection of revenues and should revenues not be collected within 30 days after notice, The COMET shall begin proceedings to discontinue to service to that entity.

The County shall only be responsible for funding its local match to the Federal funds of transit services in the unincorporated areas of Lexington County. Each entity is responsible for the local match to the Federal funds of transit services in their jurisdiction.

(B) Route 92X – 12<sup>th</sup> Street Extension will be a pilot project which includes one a.m. and one p.m. round trip, seven days a week, excluding Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, starting January 28, 2019, to December 31, 2019, at a total cost of \$85,260. The County's share of the cost will be \$21,741 which will be invoiced by The COMET quarterly, with each payment being in the amount of \$5,435.25. The COMET will provide one quarter of the cost of this route and will invoice Nephron Pharmaceuticals for their respective one-quarter share of the route's cost. Amazon's contribution to this route is only from January 1, 2019 to February 28, 2019. Continuation of this route beyond December 31, 2019, is subject to an amendment to this Agreement.

(C) The City of West Columbia has agreed to fund Soda Cap Connector Route 1 service for a period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, for seven day a week service, excluding Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day at a total cost of \$10,000. The COMET shall invoice the County four quarterly payments for Soda Cap Connector Route 1 of \$2,500. The County shall remit payment to The COMET no later than the last day of the first month of each quarter. The County shall be responsible for collecting the revenues allocated above from the City of West Columbia.

(D) The cost for DART (Dial-A-Ride Transit) allocated to the County is \$203,879. The COMET intends to use FTA Section 5307 funds to pay \$169,899 of the cost allocated to the County. The local match from the County will be \$33,980 which is reflected in the amount shown in the chart in Section 3(A) above.

The COMET will use State Mass Transit Funds to pay the fuel cost of DART service. These costs are the actual cost paid to Transdev, The COMET's contract operator.

Should the amount of \$203,879 be exceeded, The COMET will utilize farebox revenues collected in the County to pay the excess amount. If after applying farebox revenue, there is still a deficit in the payment for DART, The COMET will invoice the County the incremental cost at \$64.06 per hour (FY 2020) for trips that originate in the County to the jurisdictions of West Columbia, Cayce and Springdale as this service is required under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The COMET will provide sixty (60) days' notice to the County prior to reaching the DART cap expenditure so that the County can coordinate with the respective entity to make appropriate budget appropriations or to allow service reductions to be made to the fixed route system. Additional DART overages shall be shown as separate line items on the invoice by jurisdiction.

DART service is only provided in corridors that have all day transit service that is not considered commuter or deviated fixed route as defined in Section 1. Future changes to all day transit routes could dictate future levels of DART service as this service is required by the FTA with no trip denials or restrictions as defined by U.S. Department of Transportation's implementing regulations in 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, 38, and 39.

(E) The COMET is responsible for setting fares and collecting farebox revenues from the contract operator and depositing the funds into a revenue account designated by The COMET. All fares generated by The COMET services shall be reinvested in the provision of transit services in the County, including offsetting any funding deficit on DART service or to enhance transit service in the County.

(F) The COMET agrees to allow Lexington Medical Center employees and volunteers ride The COMET free of charge by showing their identification to the bus operator as part of their contribution towards the operational costs.

#### **Section 4: Bus Stops**

The County grants The COMET the right to install bus stops, bus shelters, bus benches and/or trash cans at safe intersections along the designated routes in the County, as long as the bus stop is on right-of-way or property controlled by County. The COMET shall seek approvals for bus stops and other passenger amenities along right-of-way or property controlled by the City of Cayce, City of West Columbia, Town of Springdale, Town of Chapin, Town of Batesburg-Leesville, Town of Lexington, Lexington Medical Center, The State of South Carolina Department of Transportation or other jurisdictions in the County that The COMET may eventually serve.

#### **Section 5: Term**

The term of this Agreement shall be for one year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2020. The Agreement may be extended by mutual consent of all parties. From the time that the County and The COMET agree to discontinue the service, The COMET will provide passengers with a 30-day notice period, as appropriate, prior to discontinuing service.

If the Lexington County Council fails to appropriate or authorize the expenditure of sufficient funds to provide the continuation of this Agreement, or if a lawful order is issued in or for any fiscal year during the term of the Agreement reduces the funds appropriated or authorized in such amount as to preclude making the payments set out therein, the Agreement shall terminate on the date said funds are no longer available without any termination charges or other liability incurring to the County and the language in Section 3.02 of the IGA shall apply.

#### **Section 6: Evaluation of Service**

The COMET will provide the participating agencies with quarterly reports about operations, as shown on Attachment B.

#### **Section 7: Beneficiaries of Agreement**

This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the parties hereto and no individual, organization, group, firm, or other entity shall have any claim for benefits hereunder.

#### **Section 8: Complete Agreement and Changes to Agreement**

This Agreement and the IGA are the complete agreements between the parties. Any changes to this Agreement must be in writing and must be approved by the County and The COMET.

#### **Section 9: Counterparts**

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and will become effective and binding upon the parties at such time as both signatories hereto have signed a counterpart of this Agreement.

#### **Section 10: Notices or Notification**

Any notice required to be given in writing under this Agreement, or other notifications, shall be given to the parties as follows:

#### **LEXINGTON COUNTY:**

County Administrator  
County of Lexington  
212 S Lake Drive  
Lexington, SC 29072

With a copy to:

Director of Community Development  
County of Lexington  
212 S Lake Drive, Suite 401  
Lexington, SC 29072

#### **CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY:**

Executive Director/CEO  
The COMET  
3613 Lucius Road,  
Columbia, SC 29201

[Signature Pages follow]

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the dates shown below.

**LEXINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

By \_\_\_\_\_

  
Joe Mergo III  
County Administrator

9/11/19  
Date

**CENTRAL MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

By



John C. Andoh III  
Executive Director/CEO

10-9-19

Date

Approved as to Form and Legality:

By



Francenia B. Heizer  
Burr & Forman LLP  
General Counsel



10-29-19

Date

**Attachment A**

**TIMETABLES AND ROUTE MAPS**



### Flex Services

- All customers are strongly encouraged to wear seatbelts. Wheelchair customers will wear a lap belt. Child car seats are not provided, customers must provide their own child car seats. DART operators can assist up to 25 pounds.
- Remember—DART is a shared ride experience. You may have other customers on the same bus as you.



### Tips for Riding

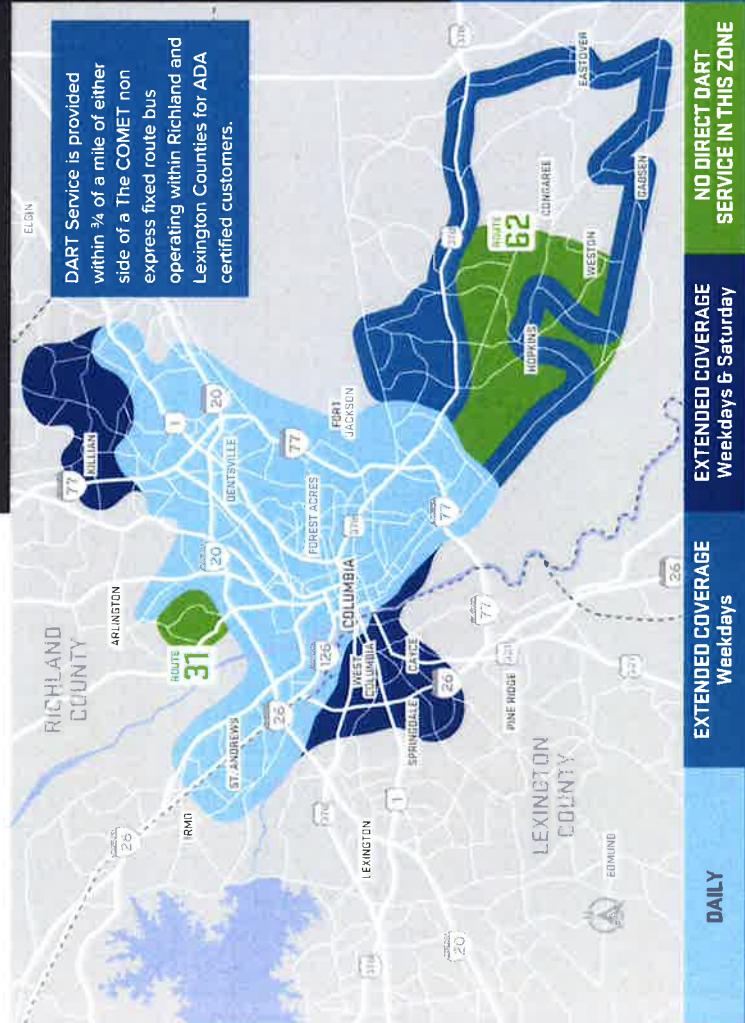
- DART is an origin to destination demand response paratransit service. Operators may assist customers to the front door as long as they are within the line of sight of their vehicle. DART vehicles cannot be left unattended.
- Any other additional assistance will require the use of a personal care attendant (PCA).
- Space is limited, so limit yourself to five (5) packages, that you can carry.

- Just like the bus, DART operate on a schedule. **Your 30 minute window is 15 minutes before or after the time requested for pick up.** DART operators will only wait five (5) minutes and drive on if the customer is not ready.
- Subscription Service**—For customers that have a regular travel pattern, subscription service is available on a limited basis. This puts customers on a regular schedule, so you do not need to request every trip individually. DART can only accommodate a limited number of subscription requests. Please call us for more details on this service.
- Customers with service animals or traveling with a respirator or portable oxygen supply are welcome on DART.

### Call Us...We Will Be Around!

For comments, concerns, questions or suggestions regarding The COMET and DART services please contact us by calling: (803) 255-7100, fax to: (803) 255-7113, writing to: The COMET, 3613 Lucius Road, Columbia, SC or by emailing: [info@catchTheCOMET.org](mailto:info@catchTheCOMET.org).

## DART Informational Brochure



**Demand Response ADA**  
Complementary Paratransit Service In  
Richland and Lexington County

Telephone: (803) 255-7123  
TDD/TTY: 711  
[www.CatchTheCOMET.org](http://www.CatchTheCOMET.org)

Effective May 7, 2018

## Welcome Aboard!

Welcome to DART! The COMET operates this origin to destination demand response paratransit service within Richland and Lexington Counties within a 3 1/4 mile radius of either side of a The COMET non express fixed route in accordance with the Americans for Disabilities Act (ADA), seven days a week for those eligible with disability that prevents the use or access of The COMET.

DART can be used for work, medical, appointments, school, meetings, senior services, events and much more. Vehicles are wheelchair accessible for at least two wheelchairs. We hope you will enjoy your ride on DART.

## ADA Certification is the Ticket to Ride!

DART is reserved for those who need us—qualifying persons with disabilities unable to board The COMET buses or access a bus stop due to their disability as defined by three categories in the ADA. To become ADA certified, you need to fill out an ADA Certification Application, which is available by calling **(803) 255-7123 (TDD/TTY: 711 through the Relay Service)** or downloading from [www.CatchTheCOMET.org](http://www.CatchTheCOMET.org). Once you fill out the application, mail the application to The COMET's ADA eligibility contractor.

All persons using DART is subject to an in-person assessment to determine if you have a disability that prevents access or use of The COMET.

Once the application process has been completed, you will receive a decision by mail in 21 days. Your decision may indicate:

## Unconditional certification

- Conditional certification
- Denial of certification

A denial of certification or a conditional certification decision may be appealed. The appeal process is outlined in the letter, or a copy of the policy is available by calling The COMET at (803) 255-7129, or visiting [www.CatchTheCOMET.org](http://www.CatchTheCOMET.org).

## Service Hours and Service Area

Service hours are generally from 4:42 a.m. to 11:24 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5:25 a.m. to 11:11 p.m. on Saturday, Sundays and holidays. There is no service on Thanksgiving or Christmas Days. As The COMET fixed route service ends for the day, so does DART for that particular area.

If you are eligible for DART and live outside The COMET fixed route service area, you must find alternate transportation to get to the DART service area before DART can pick you up, during the same hours as The COMET fixed route service in that area.

Other customers that do not meet the eligibility criteria listed under ADA certification cannot ride DART. Check out The COMET and see if those services meet your needs.

## Reservations

### Call **(803) 255-7123 or TDD/TTY 711 through the Relay Service for reservations.**

Reservations must be made for next day service up to fourteen (14) days in advance. Reservations are taken seven days a week (except Thanksgiving and Christmas Days) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is a voice mail box for reservations made after hours.

## Fares

**Fares are paid for each one-way trip.** Operators only accept cash. **No round trip fares are allowed.** Customers who repeatedly do not pay the fare may be subject to suspension of service. **Fares are subject to change.**

**Exact fare is required –  
No change is given!**

Category	Fare
One Way	\$4.00
Personal Care Attendant for ADA certified customer	FREE
Children 15 years old or younger with a fare paying customer age 16 years old or older	FREE
10-Ride Pass	\$40.00

## Visitors

If your travel plans change, we request that you call in to cancel within two hours of your arranged pick up time. If we don't receive a cancellation call, you will receive a no-show for the missed trip. If we receive your cancellation call less than two (2) hours, it will be noted as a "late cancellation". Because the service is so important to so many people, we must enforce a suspension for abuse of our service. The overall rate for no-shows and late cancellations will be considered to determine if there is a pattern or practice for excessive no-shows/late cancellations. **Please review the DART Rider's Guide for more details.**

## Mobility Devices

All DART vehicles are fully equipped with a wheelchair lift and a wheelchair securement area with space for up to two wheelchairs or mobility devices. The operator will provide assistance with normal boarding or exiting, wheelchair securement and operation of the lift.

## Travel Training

You can learn how to ride fixed route transit buses for free! Travel Training is available for anyone wanting independence, and a lower cost transit trip. Travel Training will teach you how to board and deboard a bus, access a bus stop and read a bus schedule. To request this **FREE** service, call (803) 255-7130. All customers participating in mobility training will get a free 10-Ride Pass for use on The COMET fixed routes.







**ROUTE 91 MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
To MTC / Columbia Metropolitan Airport

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To COMET Central

**ROUTE 91 MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
To COMET Central

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To COMET Central

AM times are lightface. PM times are boldface.  
Please arrive at your stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled arrival time. Since route service is a priority at the COMET bus may be delayed due to traffic, weather, construction or other factors beyond our control. We apologize for any inconvenience caused should the bus be delayed.

# ROUTE 91

## SPRINGDALE / CAYCE


**Fares:**

	Effective 1/28/2019	Basic	Discount*	Express
One Way	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$4.00	
All-Day Pass	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$6.00	
7-Day Pass	\$14.00	\$7.00	\$28.00	
31-Day Pass	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$80.00	
Route Deviation	+ \$2.00	+ \$1.00	N/A	
on Flex Routes	+ \$2.00	+ \$1.00		
Express Route	+ \$2.00	+ \$100		(see ref)
Upcharge	FREE	FREE	FREE	
Soda Cap	FREE	FREE	FREE	
Connector	FREE	FREE	FREE	
Transfer (60 minutes only)	FREE	FREE	FREE	

**Discount fares are available to:**

- Seniors ages 65 years old and older with ID
- Persons with Disabilities with The COMET Half Fare ID
- Medicare Card Holders with ID
- Youths 16-7 years old with The COMET Half Fare ID
- Veterans 16-7 years old with ID or DD-214 form
- Passengers with a Military ID, Veterans ID or DD-214 form
- Half Fare ID Cards can be obtained at COMET Central, Call (803) 255-7100 for more details.
- The COMET offers free programs for DART passengers, youth 39 inches to 15 years old, students in middle and high schools in Richland and Lexington Counties and selected employers. Visit [www.CatchTheComet.org](http://www.CatchTheComet.org) or call (803) 255-7100 for details.
- Santee Waterene RTA transfers are accepted for no additional cost.

**CometCards, Day, 7-Day, and 31-Day Passes can be purchased:**

- In person: All Piggy Wiggy Stores in Columbia, Eastover and Springdale Town Halls, Lowel's Spires, Jr. Regional Transit Facility, 2613 Lucius Road and COMET Central, 1745 Sumter Street in Columbia
- On our website: [www.CatchTheComet.org](http://www.CatchTheComet.org) (Credit card)
- On our App: Catch The COMET from Google Play or App Store (credit card or cash wallet payable at the COMET Central)
- By mail: The COMET, 2613 Lucius Road, Columbia, SC (check, credit card or money order)
- On the bus: Day and 7-Day Passes (cash)
- All passes are non-refundable, non-replaceable and non-transferable.
- Businesses and organizations that purchase in bulk can purchase Basic passes at discount prices. Call (803) 255-7100 or email: [Info@CatchTheComet.org](mailto:Info@CatchTheComet.org) for more details.

**How To Ride The COMET**


\*Transit Stops: The COMET buses only stop at signed transit stops. Flag stops are not permitted, except on Routes 47 and 76. A complete transit stop list for each route is available online at [www.CatchTheComet.org](http://www.CatchTheComet.org). Some transit stops have benches, shelters, trash cans and cart corrals.

\***Catching the Bus:** Be at the transit stop 5 minutes before the scheduled departure. Make sure the bus operator can see you. Check the heading on the front, curbside or rear of the bus to ensure you board at the correct route. When the bus operator with a light.

\***Paying your Fare:** Be ready to pay your fare or present your pass when you board. Bus operators cannot make change. Should you overpay, a change card will be issued for future use on the COMET. \***Exiting the Bus:** When you see your destination or transfer point, signal the bus operator by pulling the cord near the window, pushing the yellow strip or calling out "Next stop". Please provide enough notice, so that the bus operator can stop safely. If you are not familiar with the area, ask the bus operator for assistance. Please do not cross in front of the bus when exiting and do not forget your bicycle if you have one!

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**NOTES:**

- Animals on The COMET: Service animals are welcome. Non-service animals may travel on the bus if secured in a cage or muzzle.

**How To Read The Timetable**

- Find the schedule for the day of the week and the direction you wish to ride.
- Find the timepoints closest to your origin and destination. The timepoints are shown on the route map and indicate the time the bus is scheduled to be at the particular location. Your nearest bus stop may be between timepoints.
- Read down the column to see the times when a trip will be at the given timepoint. Read the times across to the right to see when the trip reaches other timepoints. If no time is shown, that trip does not serve that timepoint.

**Holiday Schedule**

- Sunday service is provided on New Years Day, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veterans Day.
- Service is provided on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. A Saturday schedule operates on the Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.
- Customer Service**
- Call Center telephone hours are available Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and Saturday, Sundays and Holidays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- \***Lost and Found:** If you leave an item on The COMET bus, please call (803) 255-7100 to see if it has been returned. The COMET or its contractors are not responsible for lost or stolen items on board of its vehicles. Items not retrieved within 30 days will be donated to local charity or disposed of.
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964**
- The Central Midlands Transit (COMET) is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of its services on the basis of race, color or national origin as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. For more information, or to file a complaint, contact The COMET Compliance and Civil Rights Officer, as defined above, FTA Office of Civil Rights, Attention: Title VI Program Coordinator, East Building, 5th Floor, TCR-1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, or SCDOT, Attn: Title VI Program Coordinator at (803) 737-5095, or in writing to the Office of Business Development & Special Programs, 955 Park Street, Suite 117, Columbia SC 29202.





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To Nephron / Amazon

Stop #	AM	PM	AM	PM
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3			5:51	5:51
4			5:53	5:53

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Express fares charged on this route.

AM times are lightface, PM times are boldface.  
Please arrive at your stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled arrival time. Since safe service is a priority at The COMET, buses may be delayed due to traffic, weather, construction or other factors beyond our control. We apologize for any inconvenience caused should the bus be delayed.

This is a pilot route and its future will be determined by November 30, 2019.

## How To Ride The COMET

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